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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

| Proceeding                | 91221476   |
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| 11  | THE DARK COIN FOUNDATION, INC., an Arizona  | Opposition No.: 91221476                 |  |  |  |
| 12  | corporation   | Application Serial No.: 86/377,359       |  |  |  |
| 13  | Opposer,  | Mark: DASH                               |  |  |  |
| 14  | v.  KARMIC LABS, INC., a Delaware corporation   | APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO OPPOSER'S          |  |  |  |
| 15  | Applicant.  | NOTICE OF OPPOSITION                     |  |  |  |
| 16  | Applicant.  |  |  |  |  |
| 17  | Applicant Karmic Labs, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Karmic Labs") respectfully files this  Answer to Opposer The Dark Coin Foundation, Inc.'s ("Opposer") Notice of Opposition |  |  |  |  |
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| 19  | ("Opposition"):   |  |  |  |  |
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| 21  | ANSWER  |  |  |  |  |
| 22  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 23  | Applicant denies that Opposer will be damaged by Serial No. 86/377,359 and that the   |  |  |  |  |
| 24  | same should be denied. Applicant admits that the mark DASH was filed on August 26, 2014 and   |  |  |  |  |
| 25  | published for opposition on February 10, 2015 by Applicant Karmic Labs who is located at 1256   |  |  |  |  |
| 26  | Folsom Street, San Francisco, California 94103. Applicant lacks knowledge or information  |  |  |  |  |
| 27  | sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the rem  | anning anegations in the Preamble of the |  |  |  |
| 28  | APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO OPPOSITION  |  |  |  |  |

| 1  | Opposition, and  | nd therefore denies them.   |
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| 2  |                  | Response to Grounds   |
| 3  | 1.               | Applicant admits the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Opposition for the goods       |
| 4  | and services la  | isted in Classes 9 and 36, but denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 1 of the |
| 5  | Opposition.      |   |
| 6  | 2.               | Applicant admits the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Opposition.                    |
| 7  | 3.               | Applicant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the        |
| 8  | truth of the all | legations in Paragraph 3 of the Opposition, and therefore denies them.                |
| 9  | 4.               | Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Opposition.                    |
| 10 | 5.               | Applicant admits that it filed its application on August 26, 2014, but denies the     |
| 11 | remaining alle   | egations in Paragraph 5 of the Opposition.  |
| 12 | 6.               | Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Opposition.                    |
| 13 | 7.               | Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Opposition.                    |
| 14 | 8.               | Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Opposition.                    |
| 15 | 9.               | Applicant admits that the goods in Serial No. 86/377,359 in Class 9 include, but      |
| 16 | are not limited  | d to, debit cards and software for managing and conducting financial transactions.    |
| 17 | Applicant den    | nies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Opposition.                      |
| 18 | 10.              | Applicant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the        |
| 19 | truth of the all | legations in Paragraph 10 of the Opposition, and therefore denies them.               |
| 20 | 11.              | Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 11 of the Opposition.                   |
| 21 |                  | Response to Prayer for Relief   |
| 22 | Applic           | cant denies the allegations in the Prayer for Relief of the Opposition and that       |
| 23 | Opposer is en    | titled to any relief sought relating to Serial No. 86/377,359.                        |
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| 1  | AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES  |  |  |
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| 2  | Applicant asserts the following defenses, undertaking the burden of proof only as to those        |  |  |
| 3  | defenses deemed affirmative defenses by law, regardless of how such defenses are denominated      |  |  |
| 4  | herein. In addition to the defenses described below, Applicant specifically reserves the right to |  |  |
| 5  | allege additional affirmative defenses that become known through the course of discovery.         |  |  |
| 6  | First Affirmative Defense (Unclean Hands)   |  |  |
| 7  | 1. Opposer's claims for relief, in whole or in part, are barred on the ground that the            |  |  |
| 8  | Opposer has acted with unclean hands.   |  |  |
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| 10 | DATED: May 22, 2015 VASQUEZ BENISEK & LINDGREN LLP  |  |  |
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| 12 | By: /s/ Eric Benisek  |  |  |
| 13 | Attorney for Applicant  |  |  |
| 14 | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  |  |  |
| 15 | I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing APPLICANT'S ANSWER                |  |  |
| 16 | TO OPPOSER'S NOTICE OF OPPOSITION has been served on Opposer's Attorney of Record                 |  |  |
| 17 | by mailing said copy on May 22, 3015, via First Class Mail, postage prepaid to:                   |  |  |
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